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FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS SPOKESMAN AND JOURNALISTS ON APRIL 11:

QUOTE: QUESTION. IS THERE ANY REACTION BY THE SECRETARY TO THE MASSACRE OF THE JEWISH CIVILIANS ACROSS THE BORDER FROM LEBANON BY THE ARAB TERRORISTS?

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN: SPEAKING FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WE DO CONDEMN BRUTAL AND SENSELESS SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS, PARTICULARLY THE MURDER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AS WE DEPLORE SUCH TERRORISM IN ANY AREA.

IN THIS INSTANCE, IT IS PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE AT A TIME WHEN THE PROCESSES OF PEACE ARE ALREADY IN MOTION.

I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS ATTACK UNDERLINES EVEN MORE THE URGENT NEED FOR THE SECRETARY'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN BRINGING PEACE TO THIS REGION. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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